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laminated blocks being laminated in the facing direction of the pole pieces.

REMARKS

This amendment is for the purpose of further characterizing the invention.

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